**Guidance on declaring interests**
*(To be used when completing the MRC’s Declaration of Interests form)*

1. **Personal remuneration (including employment, pensions, consultancies, directorships, honoraria)**

   1.1 Individuals should declare the names of the body or company from which they receive personal remuneration, **equal to or above £5k per annum** from:

   (i) Any appointment at a university or research institute or similar body;

   (ii) Any directorships or employment or other connection with companies in any field where the company might benefit from support by the MRC either as a collaborator or in some other way;

   (iii) Any position of authority in charities and other bodies providing research funding, policy or communication;

   (iv) Any other body involved in medical, bio-medical, pharmaceutical, healthcare provision or science or health policy/communication.

   1.2 However, in all cases, interests in bodies which are supported by the MRC or which benefit as collaborators or licensees etc. from which income is received should be declared however small the amount.

   1.3 The nature of the business and the position held should be provided for all bodies/companies listed.

   **1.4 The amount(s) of remuneration received does not need to be declared.**

   1.5 Where any pension is currently received (and, possibly, where it is to be received at some point in the future) either from any body that falls within the categories in paragraph 1.1 (i) to (iv) above or from a closely related body that manages its pension scheme, the name of the body and the fact that a pension is received (or is to be received) should be declared.

2. **Shareholdings and financial interests in companies**

   2.1 Individuals should declare the name of any company in which the member has direct shareholdings *(with a market value equal to or greater than £10,000)* or other financial interests which are involved or may in the future be involved in the medical, bio-medical, pharmaceutical, healthcare provision and similar fields.

   **2.2 The relevant share values shall be calculated initially and reviewed annually.**

   **2.3 Members do not need to state the value of the shares/other financial interests.**

   2.4 Individuals do **not** need to declare:

   - Holdings in unit trusts, investment trusts, open-ended investment companies, unit-linked policies, pension schemes or similar arrangements through which the investor has an interest in a large number of enterprises, **unless** they specialise in high technology companies in the field of the Council and have a market value of greater than £10,000;
   
   - Shareholdings, debentures, options and similar rights in a single company listed on the main market of a recognised stock exchange with a market value of less than £10,000 need not be disclosed **unless** they are known to benefit as participants in collaborative research or other projects funded by the Council or are known to be significant suppliers of goods and services;
   
   - Ownership/shareholdings of companies that have never traded or carried on any form of activity.
2.5 Portfolios that are managed by third parties e.g. Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) do not need to be declared except on receipt of information on investments in companies within the scope outlined in paragraph 1.1 (i) to (iv) above.

3. Research income

3.1 The sources of all research income to be received within the academic session, above £50k per grant, should be declared; the size of the sum(s) received need not be declared.

3.2 However sources of research income from bodies supported by the MRC or which benefit as collaborators or licensees etc from which income is received should be declared, however small the amount. Again, the sum received does not need to be declared.

4. Major academic collaborations (national and international)

4.1 Individuals should declare the name of the university and department or institute or company or similar body of any of the member’s significant collaborators outside the member’s own institution or organization, and the nature of the relationship e.g. research collaboration.

4.2 Individuals will need to make a judgment as to what is ‘significant’ bearing in mind that the smaller the number of collaborators and the larger the project the greater the need for disclosure e.g. details of locations of fellow principal investigators in major projects should be disclosed.

5. Non-pecuniary interests i.e. un-remunerated involvement with and membership of medical, bio-medical, pharmaceutical, healthcare provision and similar activities/organisations

5.1 Individuals should declare any unremunerated involvement with, or membership of, any other body in connection with medical, bio-medical, pharmaceutical, healthcare provision and similar activity, including relevant:

(i) appointments at a university or research institute or similar body;

(ii) directorships or employment or other connection with companies in any field where the company might benefit from support by the MRC either as a collaborator or in some other way;

(iii) positions of authority in charities and other bodies providing research funding or science or health policy/communication.

5.2 Membership of clubs and associations need not be registered unless they fall within the scope of 5.1 (i) to (iii).

6. Political/pressure group associations

6.1 Council/Board/Committee/Panel Members are expected not to occupy paid party political posts, or to hold particularly sensitive or high-profile unpaid roles in a political party, pressure group or similar organisation. Any political/pressure group associations should be declared.

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REGISTER OF DECLARED PRIVATE, PROFESSIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS (please refer to the MRC Declaration of interest policy and attached guidance notes before completing this form, expanding the sections as required. If completing electronically please print out and return a signed copy)

Name: ……Charlotte Moar…………………………………………………………………..

Please list which MRC bodies you are a member of e.g. Council, Council Sub-committee, Panel etc:

Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee

Main form of employment: Name of university and department or other employing body (include location), and position

Programme Director, Finance Academy Wales (formally employed by Cardiff & Vale NHS University Health Board)

Please give details of any potential conflicts of interests arising from the following:

1 Personal remuneration (including employment, pensions, consultancies, directorships, honoraria etc.) Please identify organisation and category, for example, Wellcome Trust (Pension = I am formally employed by Cardiff & Vale NHS University Health Board which receives MRC funding via collaborations with Cardiff University. However I do not believe this constitutes a conflict of interests as my role of Programme Director, Finance Academy Wales, does not encompass any involvement in this area.

2 Shareholdings and financial interests in companies (please see guidance notes, paragraph 2, for thresholds) - none

3 Research income during current session (over £50k per grant) - none

4 Major academic collaborators (national and international) - none

5 Un-remunerated involvement with, and membership of, medical, bio-medical, pharmaceutical, healthcare provision or science or health policy/communication and similar activities/organisations – I am a Trustee of Bristol Zoological Gardens which is active in scientific research related to animals and conservation. I do not believe this would provide any conflicts of interests.

6 Political/pressure group associations - none

Please detail any conflicts of interests that may arise out of any known immediate family (see Declaration of Interest policy paragraph 14 for definition of immediate family) involvement in any of the above. Please indicate which section (1-6) above applies e.g. 1. Oxford University (family) - None

I have read the Code of Practice for MRC Council and Sub-committee members and agree to abide by the terms of the Code. I undertake to declare at meetings on MRC business any private, professional, political, commercial or other interests that might be perceived to conflict with MRC interests and which have not been listed above. I accordingly agree to update this written declaration as circumstances arise. I note and accept that the MRC will hold these details electronically and on the web, and that the Register of Interests is open to public inspection and subject to inspection by auditors, and will be retained in line with the MRC’s retention and disposal policy for records.

Signature: ..................Charlotte Moar………………………………………………………………………………

Date ......................9 August 2015